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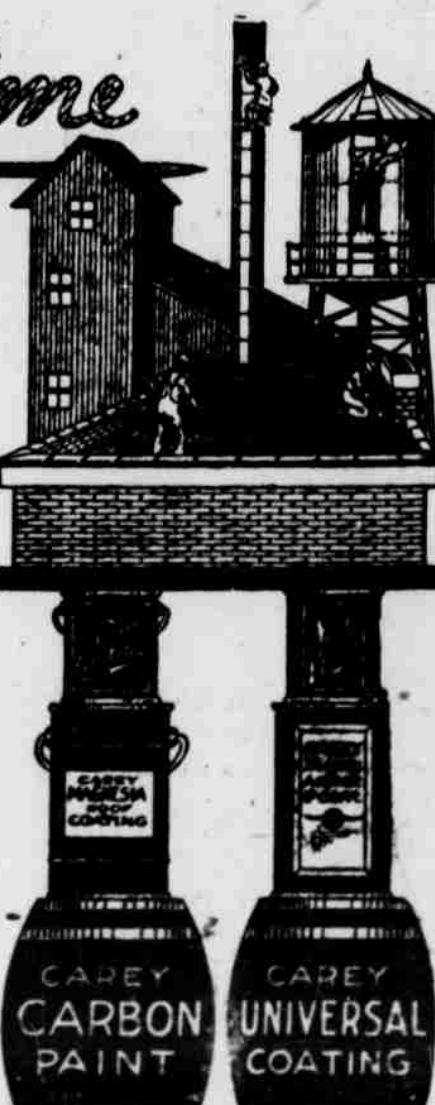
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RED CROSS WOMEN HEROIC

Last to Leave Town in Somme Sector When Drive Began. Chased by Hun Aviator.

Paris, April 4.—As the excitement incident to the first few days of the German offensive dies down reports come in of the bravery in face of danger of various workers in the American Red Cross.

Women workers of the Red Cross, who were aiding civilians in reconstruction and relief work at Villers, near the River Somme, left their posts just two hours before the Germans arrived in the town. With their automobiles they aided in removing the civilians and picking up many wounded along the roads. The women were the last civilians to leave the town, just preceding the French troops.

Another Red Cross unit, stationed in a hospital just back of the lines, was ordered to evacuate in two hours. They left at 2 o'clock in the morning and were chased for miles by a German aviator before reaching a point of safety. The next day the unit went to a town near the fighting line and established soup kitchens for the troops and first-aid stations for sick refugees and wounded stragglers. The town was under continuous shell fire and the unit answered calls at all hours to give first-aid to those wounded by the enemy shells.

In Twelve-Hour Shifts. The unit then took charge of the operation ward in the hospital, the nurses working in twelve-hour shifts in attending to a dozen wounded soldiers who were injured too seriously to be carried farther back. The women also acted as stretcher-bearers throughout the hospital and took over a hotel in the town and conducted it for the use of Red Cross workers and British and French officers. They carried hot coffee to the soldiers on transports and were as they moved through the town. Four American army medical officers attached to Red Cross hospital behind the Franco-British front, declared their intention of remaining there "until hell froze," despite the removal of the patients to points of safety by ambulances. The driver of the motor cars returned with a few American Red Cross nurses and the nurses and the doctors worked night and day taking care of the seriously wounded French and British troops brought in from the battle line only a few miles away.

TO LIQUIDATE ORDERS

Russian Delegation to U. S. to Arrange New Terms.

London, April 4.—The Russian government is sending a delegation to the United States to liquidate Russia's war orders with American firms and arrange future trade relations, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Moscow today.

AGREE TO WAGE DEMANDS PARTLY BREAKS STRIKE

Norfolk, Va., April 4.—Four of the eleven transportation companies involved having agreed to wage demands of bargemen, a strike which has seriously crippled movement of freight on the coast and waterways in this district for several days was partially broken today. An agreement between the strikers and the other companies was expected to result from a conference to be held late today.

BOTH BATTLE FORCES PREPARING TO RESUME TERRIFIC CONFLICT

(By Associated Press.) Germany's "peace drive" through Poland enters upon its third week with both forces preparing for the resumption of heavy fighting. The weather has interfered somewhat, but the Germans have not renewed their heavy attacks, and the fighting front has remained virtually unchanged since Monday.

North of the Somme the British have improved their positions in small attacks, while on the important sector south of the river there has been no infantry action. In the region north of Montdidier, which has been the scene of much heavy fighting, the artillery bombardment has been violent, but the enemy has made no attempt to attack.

While there is little doubt that the Germans must attack again and will further efforts against the allied line, much interest centers in the plans of Gen. Foch. The attacks by the British between Albert and Arras and by the French between Montdidier and Noyon apparently were for the purpose of improving local positions. Silence is being maintained by both sides as to the next act in the titanic military contest.

German newspapers declare that the German drive was hindered by bad weather, and not by the Franco-British defense. Admission is made that the Germans are having great difficulty in moving up guns and supplies over the muddy area of the Somme, and that transport is in poor shape because of the necessity for constructing new roads.

Amiens, the primary objective of German efforts in the past two weeks, is far from danger for the moment. A military proclamation threatening the population that threatening peril has been removed and exhorted them to maintain confidence.

American troops in the region of Toul and in an unnamed place have been subjected to a heavy bombardment from enemy guns. Gas shells were used mainly in the fire against the Americans in the unnamed place. High explosive shells and projectiles were used in the artillery attack northward of Toul, but no great damage was done.

Reconnaissance and patrol activities are increasing on the Italian front, especially from the west of Lake Garda to the Piave river. The Italians have captured several enemy outposts and made a number of prisoners.

A German force has been landed at Hangow, on the northern coast of Finland, to aid in the campaign against the Finnish rebels. Finnish government forces are bombarding Tammerfors, north of Helsinki, while new Russian reinforcements are reported to have arrived to help the rebels, who control most of southern Finland.

NICARAGUA IN STAND AGAINST PRO-GERMANISM

Managua, Nicaragua, April 4.—Pro-German propaganda against the United States and other allied countries has become so marked in Nicaragua that President Chamorro has issued a decree prohibiting such activity. All offenders will be banished to the island of Solentiname, in Lake Nicaragua. The president has also ordered that all firms on the American blacklist be denied the use of the national telephone and telegraph lines.

NORTHERN ARMY CAMPS STILL REPORT DEATHS

Washington, April 4.—The health of the army in the United States continues good, the war department announced today, although bronchitis and influenza, complicated with pneumonia, in many northern camps increased the non-effective and death rates slightly over the preceding week. The total number of deaths reported was 237, of which 99 were among the regulars, 29 in the national guards and 118 in the national army.

FINNS INSULTED ARMY OFFICERS

British and American Military Men Threatened With Personal Violence in Vasa Hotel.

INCIDENT TYPICAL

Government Pass No Protection—German Doctrines Spreading.

Stockholm, April 4.—The American and British army officers who recently visited Gen. Mannerheim, the Finnish white guard leader, upon orders from their Stockholm legations, were insulted and threatened with personal violence by Finnish officers in a hotel restaurant in Vasa, according to a report from the war correspondent of Finland, a Swedish newspaper.

The correspondent, who occupied an adjoining table, says that the two visiting officers who figured in the incident, wearing the army uniforms of their rank, entered the restaurant at a time when it was crowded with Finnish officers, mainly from a unit which had served in Germany. The visitors had scarcely had time to order their meal before a Finnish officer approached them and told them their presence was not desired. He withdrew, however, when he was shown a pass from Gen. Mannerheim.

Later another Finn asked the orchestra to play "Die Wacht Am Rhein." Everybody arose, the American and the Englishman, plainly desiring to avoid threatened violence, also arising. Another Finnish officer, continues the correspondent, swaggered to the table and said: "It is our principle not to sit in the same room with Englishmen."

The American replied that he was an American, not an Englishman, but the Finn responded: "It's all the same to you have just two minutes to get out of the house."

The visitors, who had finished their meal, left the room, accompanied by insults from the Finnish officers. Mr. Savelin, the white government's foreign minister and a noted pro-German, sat at a nearby table, the correspondent says, and made no effort to protect the men, although they were traveling on a Swedish diplomatic passport from his government.

BOYS FED ACCORDING TO HOOVER METHODS

This Is Proposition Which Daily Faces Father Finn, Director of Paulist Choristers.

Imagine trying to feed seventy-five boys according to the conservation methods popularized by Mr. Hoover. That is just what Father Finn, director of the Paulist choristers, is "up against" for the young patriots of his organization are ardent supporters of the man who declares an overuse of meat and wheat bread.

They have meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday, and again on Friday for secular reasons a meatless day dawned for the youngsters. Sweets are eschewed, too, to a certain extent. The zealous embryo patriots are a husky lot one may readily see, says Father Finn, by looking at their happy, healthy countenances and listening to their fresh young voices.

Chattanooga people will have an opportunity to hear the Paulist choristers on the nights of April 16 and 17 at the Lyric theater for the benefit of the French restoration war fund.

National Guardsmen Must Attend Drills

Members of the national guard unit who have not been attending drill regularly and who have not reported for physical examinations will be notified that unless they do they will be dealt with severely. One of the officers of the guard stated Thursday morning that some of the members seem to think the guard a joke and can be trifled with at will. However, those men who have enlisted in the guard are members of the United States army as much so as the men in France, and unless they report they can be dealt with severely. Steps are now being taken by the officers of the guard who are communicating with Washington as to what punishment can be meted out to the members of the guard who disobey the rules.

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RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS WANT GUARANTEE IF JAPAN ACTS

(Staff Correspondence of New York Tribune.) Washington, March 17.—Russian officials here have permitted it to be known that one of the principal reasons for the delay in Japanese action has been the desire of the Tokyo ministry to obtain a semblance of approval by Russian representatives of their contemplated invasion. It was stated that the allied governments have discussed the question with the diplomatic representatives of the late provisional government of Russia,

who, however, while admitting the necessity for some kind of action in Siberia, are unwilling unanimously to endorse the Japanese plan in the absence, first, of participation, at least in principle, of the United States; and, secondly, definite guarantees by the allies, as well as Japan, of Japan's ultimate evacuation of the occupied territory.

Japan is unable, it was said in Japanese circles, to give binding commitments at the present moment, owing to the uncertainty with which the future is veiled, and also on account of her determination that Russia shall not retain her sphere of influence, amounting practically to possession, of northern Manchuria.

A recent interpellation in the Japanese parliament disclosed that Japan and Great Britain were in full agreement upon the Russian situation before Japan addressed an identical inquiry to the United States and the entente powers respecting the possibility of Japanese intervention in Siberia.

Warn Italians Against Count Czermin's Speech

Rome, Wednesday, April 3.—Italians are warned against the speech of Count Czermin by the Giornale d'Italia, as it says, "Austria-Hungary has spoken of peace before every new offensive against Italy."

"Austria," the paper adds, "now has three-fourths of her army on the Italian front, where weather conditions may allow her to undertake an offensive immediately. Italy must be able to resist on her front line like the Anglo-French on the western front. Upon this granite resistance from the North sea to the Adriatic depends the safety of the world."

A prominent member of the Italian chamber of deputies in an interview in the Giornale d'Italia declares that Count Czermin's statement shows that Austria considers the German offensive in France of have failed in its ultimate aims.

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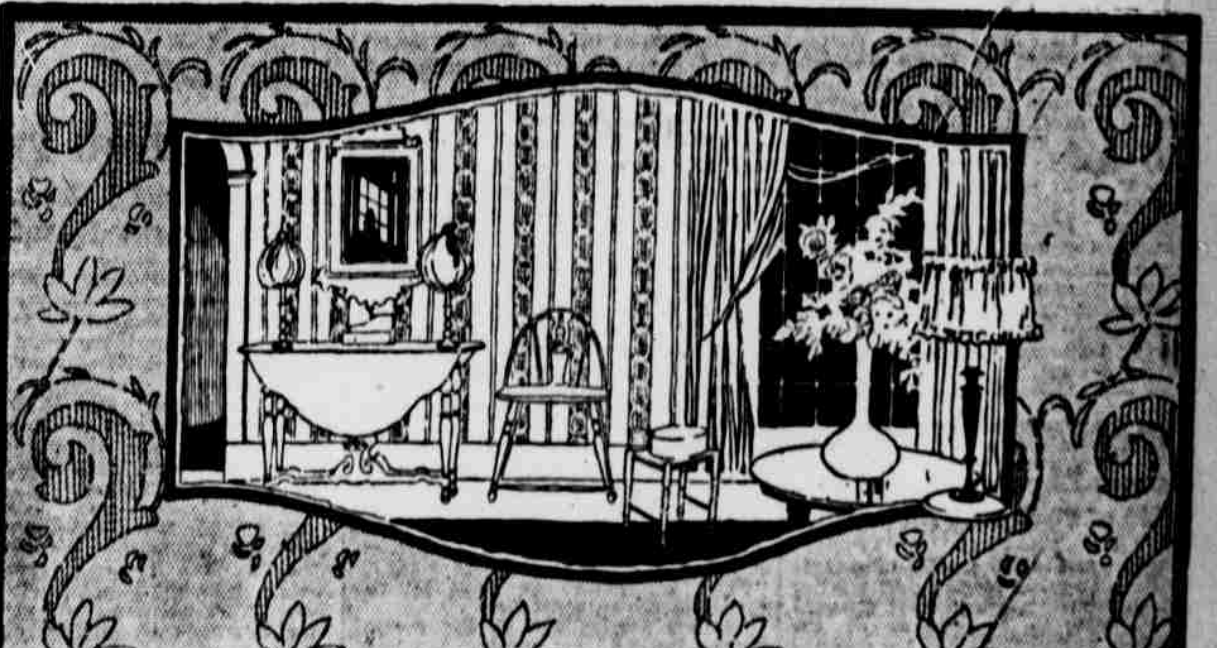


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